

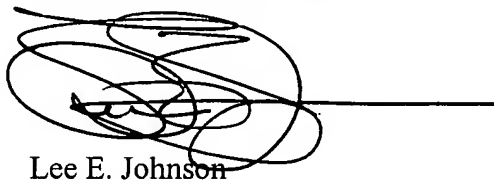
REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 9, if written in independent form, would be allowable. Claim 9 has been written in independent form by incorporating it in independent Claim 8. The remaining claims have been canceled from this application without prejudice to filing a continuing application directed thereto. The case should now be in condition for allowance and issue.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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